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BALTIMORE CONFERENCE

Will Convene in M. E. Church South in This City Wednesday

ARRANGEMENTS MADE

Entertainment Provided For Two Hundred and Fifty Ministers Who Will Be in Attendance

Practically all of the arrangements have been completed for the sessions of the Baltimore Conference of the Southern Methodist Church which meets here next week. One of the greatest problems before the committee has been the providing of entertainment for the 250 preachers who are expected to be here. This has now been completed.

Where the residence of the host does not appear in this list the guest has been assigned to a hotel or boarding house; but where the residence is designated by street and number the guest has been assigned to that number.

Guests may be expected next Tuesday afternoon unless hosts are otherwise notified.

Delegates are expected to take the noon meal in the Young People's Building every day except Sunday.

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U. S. EXPEDITION SEEKING VILLA

Movements Screened By Almost Impenetrable Censorship

AVIATORS WILL JOIN

Desertion of Carranza's Soldiers—Rumored Revolt of Garrison is Officially Denied

El Paso, March 17.—Swallowed up in the hills and deserts of northern Chihuahua, the United States expedition of two divisions is seeking Villa today while its movements are screened by an almost impenetrable censorship.

It is reported that thousands of Mexicans in the great stretch of open country south of Presidio are ready to join the Villa standard against the "invaders."

Fears are generally held along the border that before the Americans can take Villa dead or alive all Mexico will rise up in arms against the "gringoes."

Driving along the eastern slope of the Sierra Madres, the Seventh and Tenth regiments of cavalry, under Colonel Dodd, are expected to arrive at Colonia Dublan today and, finding the Mormon colony safe, are to continue on forced marches toward Casas Grandes in an atempt to cut off Villa's retreat across the mountains into Sonora.

Colonel Slocum's corumn of cavalry, infantry, and artillery is moving slowly south of Palomas. It is possibly to be joined today by the seven aviators from Columbus, N. M.

Reports brought here by persons who visited Columbus tell of practice flights yesterday preliminary to their soaring southward today to act as scouts. Their bomb dropping ability is to be restricted for the present, owing to the large number of Carranza troops in the Casas Grandes country also on Villa's trail.

That Colonel Dodd's flying squadron of cavalry may be too late to cut off Villa's retreat to his secret hiding places in the Sierra Madres, is indicated in a report from Agua Prieta that Villa already has crossed over into Sonora. This is considered a premature rumor.

Carranza cavalry has been stationed to guard the principal pases over the rugged range of mountains.

Reports from Presidio, Tex., in the "big bend" country east of here told of renewed bandit raids by Villa sympathizers on American soil.

Desertion of Carranza soldiers throughout Chihuahua also are reported, although no specific act of opposition by Carranzista troops against the American expedition has yet been confirmed.

The rumored revolt of the Ojinaga garrison and the assassination of its commander have been officially denied.

UNEASINESS IN GERMANY.

Travelers' Report That Situation in Kaiser's Empire is Becoming Alarming.

Milan, March 1.— Travelers returning to Switzerland from Germany state that the situation in the Kaiser's empire is becoming strained, and that a feeling of great uneasiness is abroad.

The German Chancellor endeavored to prevent the meeting of the Bundesrath, which opened yesterday, the different federal states having decided to put questions which are unpleasant to the imperial government. Among these is a demand to discuss the scope of peace terms and the submarine warfare which resulted in the diplomatic illness of Admiral von Tirpitz and the report of his resignation.

Political parties have decided to challenge the government to make a statement for or against an annexationist policy.

Travelers are painfully impressed by the evidence of distress on all sides. Financial men and manufacturers are gradually losing hope of complete victory and only dare to expect honorable terms of peace.

TAX BILL DEFECTIVE

Act Passed in Dying Hours of Legislature to Bring No Results

Richmond, March 16—Visions of a rich harvest for the school fund growing out of the enforcement of the capitation tax bill that was passed in the dying hours of the Legislature, were in a large degree dissipated when a careful reading of the act by the legal advisers of the Commonwealth disclosed provisions which will make extremely difficult its application.

The bill, introduced by Senator Mathews, of Norfolk, and concurred in by the House late Saturday night, undertakes to provide machinery for the forcible collection of delinquent capitation taxes that are more than three years past due, with provisions designed to prohibit the tax collector from going back more than five years.

Under the Constitution poll taxes for the last three years are not collectible by any process of law. It was estimated by advocates of the Mathews bill that delinquent poll taxes aggregating $1,266,000 would come under its application, and that a large proportion of this amount would be collected.

The bill provides for the appointment by the courts of delinquent capitation tax collectors whose duty it shall be to enforce the collection by levy, garnishment or otherwise, of all delinquent capitation taxes to be turned over to him for collection in the manner later described.

From the language of the 3d section it appears that while it was unquestionably the intention of the ramers of the bill to bring under the application of the law all capitation taxes delinquent for more than three years, the bill as actually drawn and passed confines the collector to a list of persons who are "as much as three years and not exceeding five years delinquent."

Under this provision a person who is delinquent for six years, seven or ten years would not come within the scope of the collector's powers. The practical effect of the provision is to limit the application of the tax to those persons who are delinquent exactly four or five years. If a person owes poll taxes for three years he is protected against collection by any process whatsoever, by the Constitution. If he owes for six years he does not come within the definition of persons who must be placed on the delinquent list.

Other defects in the bill render it improbable that the act will be operative, even as applied to this limited class. The act provides that the delinquent capitation tax collector shall be allowed 20 per cent of all amounts collected by him as compensation for his work, and that the clerk of the court shall receive 5 per cent of all collections as compensation for making out the delinquent lists.

The compensation provisions appear to come into conflict with the Constitution itself, which provides in section 173 that of the $1.50 capitation tax, $1 shall be applied "exclusively" in aid of the public free schools, and the residue returned and paid by the State into the treasury of the county or city in which it was collected, for local purposes.

An attempt to deduct 25 per cent of collections to pay the cost the machinery of collection, as provided in the bill, it was feared yesterday by lawyers who examined the act, would be met with serious Constitutional objections. An additional constitutional difficulty is encountered in the section which places on the delinquent list persons who are "as much as three years" in arrears, since the Constitution expressly guarantees the individual against the collection, by any process of law, of poll taxes delinquent for only three years.

IN MEMORIAM

METZGER—In remembrance of our beloved son ALBERT R. METZGER, who passed to a higher life, two years ago today, March 17, 1914.
Our hearts today are , oh, so heavy.
And our thoughts are all of thee.
How we've loved and how we miss thee,
None but God in heaven can see.

Heaven retaineth now our treasure
Earth alone the casket keeps.
And the sunshine loves to linger
Where ou rdear one sleeps'

By His Devoted Parents.

Oysters in All Styles At The Ram: Cafe.

GERMANS AGAIN DRIVEN BACK

Invaders Still Hammer at Dead Man's Hill and Pile Up Dead

TEUTONS' SACRIFICE

Paris Says Third Battle in Verdun Campaign Has Brought No Gains to the Invaders

London, March 17.—The slopes of Dead Man's Hill are strewn with the bodies of thousands of German and French dead, cut down in three days of fierce fighting northwest of Verdun

The plateau has earned its sinister name, dispatches from both Paris and Berlin, agree today. The slaughter on the northern ridge, where Silesian troops gained a footing, has not been equaled since the desperate fighting around Douaumont and Vaux

Paris and Berlin reports today continue flatly contradictory in the accounts of the struggle for Dead Man Hill, the bulwark of the French lines west of the Meuse. The French war office, after first denying the Berlin claim that Silesians had captured the position, reports the repulse of fresh German assaults against the plateau and announces that the Germans have been driven off to the north.

The Berlin statement, somewhat vague, reports that French attempts to reconquer Dead Man Hill and positions to the north, have been repulsed.

British military experts, accepting the French claim as true, declare that, had the French lost the position, they must of necessity have abandoned the village of Bethincourt to the northwest. Berlin has made no claim to Bethincourt's capture, and the latest French official statement report the village still firmly held by the French.

From Dead Man Hill French guns sweep the German columns eastward to the Meuse, blocking any advance through Cumeres, in the direction of Fort Marre.

Paris, March 17.— Another very strong German attack was delivered yesterday afternoon against the French positions at Le Mort Homme in the Verdun region, but the assaulting forces were driven back in the direction of the Corbeaux wood, where, according to the official statement issued by the War Office last night, the concentrated fire of the French guns, inflicted heavy losses on them.

No infantry attack took place yesterday on the right bank of the Meuse.

The third battle in the campaign for Verdun, which is generally thought to have begun on Tuesday, has failed to give the Germans any advantage.

French reserves, which in the opinion of some critics were kept too far in the rear out of the reach of the curtain of fire, have come up and won back most of the lost ground. The official statement of Wednesday reporting this movement only mentioned the recapture of positions near Hill No. 265, northwest of Dead Man's Hill, but is is generally believed here that the counter-offensive went farther than that during the day, it being the habit of the general staff only to announce advantages when they are definitely won.

Berlin, March 17.—A number of unsuccessful attacks have been made by the French on the German lines south of St. Souplet, west of the Somme-Py road, in the Champaigne region German army headquarters announced yesterday. The Germans took two officers and 150 men prisoners, and captured two machine guns.

Yesterday's official statement seems to indicate that the Germans claim posession of Dead Man's Hill, the dominating height west of the Meuse, on which they reported an advance movement Wednesday.

STEAMED OYSTERS AT JACOB BRILL'S FOOT OF KING STREET. NORFOLK OYSTERS A SPECIALTY

BIG BATTLES DRAW NEAR.

Central Powers Preparing for the Spring Offensive.

A correspondent writing from Vienna says:

Though the term "spring offensive" is admitted in the Austro-Hungarian press only in dispatches, from the Entente and neutral countries, there is no doubt that much is expected of the military operation it identifies It is felt that the outcome of the offensive timed for that period will have a far-reaching effect and the Central Powers are preparing with every ounce of energy for the great battle drawing near.

The vigor with which the campaign in the Balkans has been pushed is one indication that nothing is left undone so as to ready when the moment comes. The calling to the colors in Austro-Hungary of all men between the ages of 50 and 55 for service in the rear is another one.

Meanwhile the manufacture of arms and munitions continues at a pace greater than ever before. Considering that during the winter relatively little ammunition has been used, the stores of this must be tremendous. It is known, at any rate, that the Central Powers have enough ammunition to meet any situation without fear of running short. This applies also to Bulgaria and Turkey. In both these countries new levies of recruits have been made and are being armed and trained.

Whether the Central Powers will wait for the Entente offensives or themselves take the initiative is, of course, the greatest military secret of Europe at present.

It is possible another drive may be undertaken against Russia by the Austro-Hungarian and German forces as soon as ground conditions permit. The march last summer came to a halt because lines of communication had been stretched to the danger point. During the fall and winter months this condition was remedied, so that from this angle, at least, the Central Powers' troops could advance into Russia another considerable distance without exposing their rear to danger.

One of the things counted upon in Vienna as reasonably certain is a new offensive by the French troops. Some hold the view that this will synchronize with renewed activity by the Russians. Each side has the choice of what sort of operations it will adopt, but the Entente has the opportunity of starting offensives on a colossal scale east and west. This means that in one of these theatres of war the Central Powers probably will be obliged to play a waiting game.

ON WAY TO DEATH CELL.

Ida Ball Warren Transferred to Penitentiary on Order of Governor Craig.

Raleigh, N. C., March, 17.—Ida Bell Warren, the first woman sentenced to be electrocuted in North Carolina, and her companion in crime Samuel Preston Chrisby, both white, under death sentence for the murder in Forsyth county, of the woman's husband, G. J. Warren were brought Wednesday night to the State prison.

This is by direct order of Governor Craig for the law is that prisoners sentenced to death shall be in the State's prison twenty days prior to the date set for execution, which in this case was March 3, the Governor stating that unless the prisoners were delivered at once he would investigate the cause of the delay.

Governor Craig is being appealed to for commutation of the woman's sentence because of her sex, and there is to be a hearing in the matter on the 20th of this month, the date now set for the electrocution being March, 31. Mrs. Warren and Christy lost on appeal to the State Supreme Court and on application for writ of error to the United States Supreme Court, refused by Chief Justice White.

CHARTER ISSUED.

The State Corporation Commission has issued a charter to the Smoot Sand and Gravel Corporation, Alexandria. Maximum, $300,000; minimum, $100,000. L. E. Smoot, president, Washington, D. C.; J. A. Saltman, secretary, Washington, D. C.

Oysters in all styles at the Rammel Cafe.

STATE WINS THE LICENSE TAX CASE

Court of Appeals Upholds Action of the Corporation Commission

WOULD AVOID TAXES

Opinion of Judge Kelly Sustains Decision in Case of the Adding Machine Company.

Richmond, March 17—An important victory for the Commonwealth is carried in an opinion by the State Supreme Court yesterday, in which it affirms the order of the State Corporation Commission, assessing a fine of $1 000 against the Dalton Adding Machine Company, of Cincinnati, O., for transacting business in this State without the certificate of authority required by section 1104 of the Code.

The adding machine company appealed from the order of the Corporation Commission, contending that its business in this State was of such a character and so conducted in all respects as to bring it within the meaning and consequent protection of the commerce clause of the Federal Constitution.

The opinion, which was written by Judge Kelly, adopts the findings of the State Corporation Commission in an opinion written by Judge Prentis, and agrees with the body that the method of doing business employed by the Dalton company was "a mere device for the purpose of avoiding the State statutes."

The company claimed that it was immune from the license tax because it conducted its business directly from the home office, its agents merely exhibiting samples and taking orders. Such orders were always subject to final acceptance by the Ohio office. It was claimed, therefore, that the transaction was one between citizens of different States, and, therefore, protected under the commerce clause.

In reply to this contention, the Corporation Commission pointed out that while two thirds of the company's business was transacted as described one third was conducted under a plan which gave it a distinctly intrastate character. Under this plan, the salesman left a machine on trial with a prospective customer. When the customer decided to buy, he made out an order for the identical machine already in his possession, forwarding the order to the home office, where it was accepted. In addition to this, it was pointed out, the company maintained in the State a permanent agency for the direct sale of ribbons and parts and conducted also a rental and repair service for the benefit of owners of its adding machines.

Judge Kelly upheld the Corporation Commission in its ruling that the company was engaged in intrastate business within the application of section 1104 of the Code, and in its order imposing a fine on the company for failure to provide itself with the certificate of authority to do business in this State.

TO REFUSE TO SERVE.

Married Men in England Protest Against Call to Colors and Make Threats.

London, March 17.—Premier Asquith and the Earl of Derby were criticized severely at a large meeting here yesterday of married men who have attested for service in the army. Speakers declared there were still two million men available and that the married men would refuse to serve until Premier Asquith redeemed his pledge to bring out the single men before the others were called to the colors.

The feeling of the meeting was intensified by the reading of a letter from Mr. Asquith declining to receive a deputation representing the married men on the ground that this was a subject to be dealt with by Parliament.

The meeting adopted by acclamation resolutions demanding that the Premier receive deputations and that all proclamations calling up married men be with-

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POTOMAC LODGE I.O.O.F.

Will Celebrate Seventy-Seventh Anniversity of Organization by Banquet Tonight

The seventy-seventh anniversary of the installation of Potomac Lodge of Odd Fellows of this city, one of the oldest Odd Fellow lodges in the United States, will be celebrated at a banquet to be given tonight in Odd Fellows Hall. Many distinguished visitors, including the grand masters of Odd Fellows of Virginia and the District of Columbia, are expected to be present.

Previous to the banquet the first degree of the order will be conferred at 7:30 o'clock by the degree team of the lodge under direction of Capt. W. L. Martin. The banquet will be held at 9 o'clock and O. V. Hanger, grand master of Virginia, and William Hope, grand master of the District of Columbia, will make the principal addresses. A fine musical program has been arranged. W. Leon Clark is chairman of the banquet committee.

RECRUITING IN FULL SWING.

Over 200 Stations Operating to Secure Quickly 20,000 men Needed to Fill Ranks.

Washington, March 17—The resolution passed by Congress authorizing the President to recruit the regular army to its full strength of 120,000 men was referred to the War Department yesterday with a request that it be returned to the President at once if satisfactory. Secretary Baker signed it at once and the President is expected to approve it today.

Without awaiting official action, the campaign to enroll approximately 20,000 recruits in the shortest time possible was in full swing Wednesday. By orders issued yesterday, 170 auxiliary recruiting stations were reopened after having been closed more than a year. Adjutant General McCain has assigned 200 additional enlisted men to the work of gathering recruits. There have been in operation already 54 main recruiting depots, with which the auxiliary stations are now working in conjunction.

From the auxiliary stations groups of uniformed soldiers are being sent to near-by towns, villages and hamlets. They are well supplied with recruiting literature and the system spreads a net-work over the entire country. General McCain was highly pleased with the speed with which it had been put in full operation.

Although no estimates of the number of men enrolled yesterday, the first day of the campaign, have been received, unofficial reports tell of lines of men waiting at many stations to present their applications.

WASHINGTON LADY AT SERIOUS TIME OF LIFE, HELPED

Dreco, relieves her nervousness and Increased her Strength. Works in Government Printing Office

Mrs. A. Niedfeldt of 643 Third Street N. E., who is employed in the Government Printing Office is a great booster for Dreco. In her signed statement handed to the Dreco Man among other things she says she was suffering from gastritis, catarrh of the stomach, and badly constipated. Was very nervous, breath bad, coated tongue, bad taste in mouth all time, and was always spitting up mucus. Everything she eat seemed to sour in her stomach and form gas. As so many Washington people suffering just as she was had been helped she bought a bottle too. She is now on her second one and says the gas does not accumulate any more, her appetite is good and she sleeps sound. She is bothered no longer with the mucus rising in her throat, and as she adds, "At my age in life, I am 45, I think it short of marvelous the way Dreco has improved me and restored my strength" Now that is just another of the many cases coming to our attention of the great powers of Dreco to rebuild a run down system, help the catarrhal condition, and relieve the gastritis and get rid of the biliousness.

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Detailed Schedule of Assets and Liabilities Filed in U. S. Court

E. S. Leadbeater and Sons, Incorporated, wholesale druggists, in bankruptcy filed detailed schedules of their assets and liabilities at a meeting of their creditors which was held this morning in the United States District Court room. The assets are given as $93,835 and the liabilities as $155,176.77 as follows:

Assets:
Real estate, $28,000.
Bills promisory notes and securities $3,601.73.
Stock in trade, $30,512.78.
Patents, copyrights and trademarks, $750.
Debts due on open accounts, $12,469.37.
Stocks, negotiable bonds, etc., $298.
Policies of insurance $17,500.
Unliquidated claims, $70.32.
Total Assets $93,835.
Liabilities:
Taxes due state, county and city, $680.94.
Wages, $43.67.
Other debts preferred, $78.44.
Secured claims, $33,134.09.
Unsecured claims, $111,815.69.
Notes and bills which ought to be paid by other parties $9,423.94.
Total liabilities, $155,176.77.

BANQUET LAST NIGHT.

Alexandria Division of A. O. H. Give Banquet in Honor of St. Patrick.

Thebanquet of Alexandria Division, No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians, in honor of St. Patrick's Day, was held last night in the Lee Camp Hall, and was attended by 40 members of the order.

M. J. McFarland, presided. The invocation was delivered by the Rev. Louis Smet, pastor of St. Mary's Church, and toasts were responded to by Judge Doyle, of Washington, William Desmond, president of the local division, and the Rev. L. F. Kelly, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church.

F. T. Quinn, on behalf of the division, presented William Desmond with a handsome pair of cuff buttons. A musical program was rendered by T. J. Cantwell and William Kelly, of Washington and Raymond Reeves, of this city.

BOY UNDER FIVE-TON TRUCK

Roller Skater Hitching Behind Crushed by Wheels

Philadelphia, March 17—Falling beneath the wheels of a five ton truck while roller skating at Twenty-first and Brainbridge streets, last night, 9-year-old Samuel Wasson, was badly crushed below the knees and the amputation of both legs may be necessary to save his life. The boy was sent to the Polyclinic Hospital and the driver of the truck, J. J. McGrath, was arrested. According to the police, young Wasson was roller skating with a number of companions and was holding to the rear of the big truck when it slowed down at Bainbridge street. The change of speed caused the boy to lose his balance and he slipped under the wheels.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE

Last evening, at the New Opera House the Manhattan Minstrels played to a capacity house. James Hall and A. Friedlander of this city were each presented with $2.50 for giving the best answers in the solution of the "Coming to Life of Erugif.", which was a feature of the bill, the early part of the week. Mayor Thomas A. Fisher and Manager Phillips acted as judges. Tonight, a change of program will be made, and as features there will be the Country Store and the famous photo-play "Thou Shalt Not Covet."

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I take this means of thanking my many friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and sympathy in our late bereavement.

R. J. Mumford and family

Norfolk Oysters at the Rammel Cafe.

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ZELL HEIRS LOSE SUIT

Supreme Court Reverses Circuit Court Which Awarded $8,000

A verdict of $8,000 rendered by a jury in the circuit court of Alexandira county in favor of the heirs of Ernest Zell, of this city against the Washington and Old Dominion Railway Co., was reversed by the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia in a decision handed down yesterday. The Zell heirs were represented by Attorneys John M Johnson, of this city, and Crandall Mackey, of Alexandria county. C. E. Nicol, of this city, and W. J. Lambert, of Washington, appeared for the railway company.

It was contended by the plaintiff that the deceased was a passenger in an automobile with William H. Peck, on September 7, 1913, when a collision occurred between a train of the defendant company and the automobile at Hume's Crossing near Alexandria, Va., in which the automobile was destroyed and both Peck and Zell were instantly killed.

It was contended that the operation of the train was negligent; that no sufficient warning was given to enable the occupants of the automobile to save themselves. At the hearing before Judge Thornton last summer, the defendant company entered a demurrer to the evidence on the ground that no liabilities could be imposed upon the company because of contributory negligence on the part of the deceased. The jury rendered a verdict of $8,000, which was sustained by Judge Thornton in overruling the demurrer.

By the decision of the court of appeals which reversed the lower court, it was held that the demurrer should have been sustained and the company relieved of liability on that account.

LOZANO DRY GOODS CO.

Petition in Involuntary Bankruptcy Filed Today

A petition in involuntary bankruptcy was filed today in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia against the Lozano Dry Goods Co., who several weeks ago made an assignment to H. Noel Garner, trustee, for the benefit of its creditors. The petition was filed by Howard W. Smith, attorney, representing R. M. Sutton Co. and Strauss Bros, of Baltimore, and Guy Curran and Co., of Washington, whose claims total $1,100.

ENDORSE THE CARLIN BILL.

Chicago Federation Urges Protection of Plate Printing Industry.

The Carlin bill, based on the so-called Holder resolution, and designed to guard the American plate printing industry from unjust foreign competition has just been indorsed by the Chicago Federation of Labor, according to word received in Washington last night by J. J. Ryan, editor of The Plate Printer, official organ of the plate printers of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

The bill, which was introduced recently by Representative Carlin, of Virginia, after conferences with Mr. Holder, international president of the plate printers' union and originator of the movement, now is being given consideration by the House Judiciary Committee.

REPORT APPROVED

In the corporation court today, in the suit of J. T. Harrison against E. J. Harrison and others, the report of C. K Carlin, special commissioner, was approved and Robinson Moncure was named as a special commissioner to sell certain parcels of real estate. In the same suit a decree was entered approving the sale of the real estate by Robinson Moncure.

The case of William P. Taylor against the Old Dominion Insurance Co., for rent was compromised.

NAME OMITTED.

The name of Mr. T. M. Jones, of the Accounting Department of the Southern Railway who resides in this city was omitted from the list of those who received medals for twenty-five years service with the Southern Railway as published in yesterday's Gazette.

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GERMAN OFFER TO ERIN

On the front page of a recent issue of the Fatherland, the intensely pro-German, but professedly American weekly published in New York, appears a beautiful picture under which is printed: "What Germany could do for Ireland." Two female figures stand on a rise, one of them tall, graceful, masterly, with sword buckled to her side and wearing a helmet, the right arm stretched out over numberless great factory buildings, with smoke issuing from countless stacks. This figure supports another female figure, a sweet, but shrinking girl, looking wistfully at the many furnaces and factories. Behind them are huts and hovels. We take it the idea to be conveyed is that Germany will turn Ireland with its huts and hovels into the teeming, prosperous manufacuring country if Ireland will only let her.

We have seen no statements going to show that the Irish in Ireland are falling over one another to embrace the opportunity offered by the Kaiser to be free. Probably the Irish, who are very generous in their nature and might be disposed to have a friendly feeling for the Kaiser and his people, have been looking over the pages of history for the past hundred years or so to see what the Germans have really done for some other folks. Possibly they have read what the Germans did to their own close kin once upon a time, the Austrians, or rather what the Prussians did to them, for Germany was not then an Empire; what Prussia did for the Poles; what Germany did to Denmark; what Germany did quite recently to Belgium, a small and friendly country; what Germany has for some time been doing to the darkeys in Africa until driven out by the English, French and Portuguese. The Irishman, fond of history, has found in these annals some quite interesting reading.

'What Germany Could Do for Ireland," states it about right. What she would do for Ireland is an entirely different matter. The e countries we have enumerated have an illuminating answer to give to Ireland, if Ireland has any real curiosity on the subject. From the large number of Irishmen in the British armies holding positions of trust in every grade and department of it, and filling the ranks, one would suppose Ireland has read the history and has the answer.

THE NEGRO AND MANUMISSION

The Richmond Times-Dispatch is still publishing interesting clippings from its files half a century ago. It contained the following yesterday.

The negro has found out that freedom is not a continuous holiday. The Virginia Africans who flocked into Richmond last summer and fall by hundreds and thousands have been amusing themselves during the past winter with various agreeable occupations ranging over every department of human industry from boat cleaning to chicken stealing. But the former is not now profitable being overdone, and the vigilant police have put a ban on the latter. All of this has had the effect to put the country negroes out of profitable jobs, and it must be said that the most of them have come to their senses. Some have gone back to the country to seek employment on the farms where they have a chance to make a showing for themselves; some of the more vicious kind have mysteriously disappeared. A large portion of the balance may be seen any morning in front of the old African Church, on Broad Street, begging to be "hired out" or "given work wid de white folks." or anything else that will bring in rations and a place to be protected from the weather. Truly the conditions of the country negro, who thought his first privilege of freedom was to rush to Richmond and be fed, is deplorable. In the end Richmond people will have to look after him. Certainly the Freedmen's Bureau is not doing it.

At the beginning of the second year of the war between the states negroes who had been left on farms when their owners went away with the southern army began to flock into Alexandria. They, too, supposed the word freedom was a synonym of idleness, and most of that generation died with that notion in their heads.

The government had to provide shelter and food for this class, called then "contrabands," a name used by General Benjamin F. Butler, after a number had made their way to his camp. At that time an old plaster mill long disused, was situated at the foot of Wilkes street, on the site of the Old Baltimore and Ohio Railroad transfer slip, and this building was partitioned off into rooms for the refugees, as was also a brick building used at the Hunter shipyard, which stood on the east side of Union street between Wilkes and Wolfe, and extended over half a square of ground. Other buildings were also used as negro quarters. The government put as many as would work in the gangs of laborers of the quartermaster's and commissary departments. They received twenty-five dollars a month and rations. Upon the first pay day most of the darkeys, who never possessed so much money before, purchased fiddles, banjoes and cheap watches.

In some cases, however, the more thoughtful managed to save enough money to construct humble wooden homes, some of which are standing today in different sections of the city.

At the close o fthe war, and after the Freedmen's Bureau had gone out of existence as well as the Freedmen's Bank, in which the savings of many of the colored race were lost, the negroes had to look about for work, and it was at this time that this snatch from a lay of the period appealed to them:

Away with 'mancipation,
Give us back the old plantation,
It's the best place after all for the negro.

Many, however, preferred to remain in Alexandria and men and women now here are grandchildren of darkeys who came to Alexandria from Maryland and parts of Virginia in 1862.

THE APOSTLE TO IRELAND.

While the great majority of the people of the Emerald Isle credit many things told of Saint Patrick, whose day broke this morning bright and crisp, in strong contrast to many former anniversaries of the saint, there is doubtless much of an apocryphal nature extant concerning this great and good man. But that Patrick, or Patricius is an historic character and that he did carry the religion of the cross into Ireland no one can gain say or resist. The effect of his teachings has been apparent during most of the Christian era, and although he flourished about fifteen hundred years ago, his name arouses as much enthusiasm now as it did before the day of William the Conqueror. Not only in Ireland is the memory of Patrick honored but in every clime where sons of Erin have taken up their abode, the parton saint of the island is revered. This is especially so in America, where Irishmen and those of Irish descent from a large percentage of our best citizens.

The mischievous in Alexandria many years ago, of a genius who would have invaded the holy sepulcre and written silly epitaphs upon the Saviour's tomb, were wont to regale themselves with parodies on the seventeenth day of March. They generally placed effigies at places where they thought they could cause the greatest ire and overwork the recording angel. Such, however, have long since become better citizens having learned the practical lesson not to look with contempt upon anything regarded with veneration by others. Hence, as has long been the custom, Irish flags have been stretched to the breeze from some of our most prominent buildings.

As suggested above there is much imagination engrafted into the history of St. Patrick. Any one interested can obtain about all that is known concerning this great man by reference to any encyclopedia. Extracts from such works have often been published in the Gazette on the seventeenth of March. That he was of a noble and sacerdotal family all agree, and that he was a good man with a great mission which he faithfully carried out is believed by all fair-minded people whether they be Catholics or Protestants.

BISHOP QUAYLE'S INJUNCTIONS.

Advice to a class of ministers that were admitted into Conference membership yesterday morning featured the New Jersey Methodist Conference session at Asbury Park, N. J. In an address marked by plain speaking and humor, Bishop Quayle took up the article of discipline one by one.

"Don't go into debt," was his first advice. "The greatest financial enemy of the people of America today is the credit house, the concern that says, 'Your credit is good.' Better go underclothed and underfed than to go into debt. You have just signed a card saying you do not and will not use tobacco. Now don't get an idea in your head that this is going to make you pious. It won't. You'll be just commonly decent.

"Don't think, too, that you are required to crusade against tbacco. Don't crusade, don't quarrel with everything in sight,reduce your antagonism to a minimum. An attitude of attack is easy, but it is also most cowardly. Don't prate. You are not called upon to vituperate against other churches neither are you alled upon to mentally expectorate about the Mehtodist Chuurch. It is not the only church. Use your legs. Legs are a means to grace. We can't all be great preachers, but we can be good pastors. Visit your members."

KAISER WANTS NO WAR WITH AMERICA.

Emperor William's determination not to provoke a break with the United States in the new submarine campaign, even though it involves a factional contest in the German Reichstag, having already brought about the downfall of Grand Admiral von Tirpitz himself, is indicated in Berlin dispatches.

The tone of the dispatches from the German capital, although guarded and veiled, is taken to prove the supremacy of the Emperor, Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, Foreign Minister von Jagow, and the army, which has been opposing the plan of Admiral von Tirpitz and the navy party to carry the submarine campaign to a merciless destruction of all neutral shipping to enemy ports.

We never have believed Germany has had any intention of provoking the United States into war.

PASSING OF VON TIRPITZ.

(Baltimore American)

Undoubtedly a brilliant naval leader, implacable in his military positions and policies, unswerving in his ideals of action for the division of the armed forces for which he was responsible, Admiral Von Tirpitz, the head of the German Navy, whose retirement is announced, is an illustration of the impossibility to bring militarism and international expediency into settled agreement. History will doubtless lay to his charge the fault for the creation of bad feeling between the United States and Germany, with the prospect of war. He held the idea that the German Navy hampered in other respects must utilize the subersible against the commerce craft of its foe. He entered upon this policy and one of the early and crowning acts was the sinking of the Lusitania, followed by a succession of acts in which American noncombatants were sufferers. The chief obstruction in the way of an understanding between Germany and the United States has been Von Tirpitz. He has now been retired for reasons that cover the actual disaffection. Hence the submarine policy of Germany will be given over, and the diplomacy of the United States triumph. Back of this inner movement in naval control in Germany lies the supremacy of the civilian conception of the absolute necessity for Germany from now on not alone to preserve but to cultivate the friendship of the United States, has been the true policy all along. But the military element with Von Tirpitz at its head, and the Kaiser in sympathy, has defeated it. Damage has been done to the relations of the two countries, that now will take a generation to repair. But with it all, the United States stands ready in neutral fact to meet all overtures for better feeling with Germany half way.

SENATOR MARTIN

(Petersburg Index-Appeal)

We are inclined to accept fully the statement made by Representative Flood in denial of the report that Senator Martin would retire at the end of his present term, although the senator himself has uttered nothing concerning the rumor. Senator Martin is not an old man, seeing that he will not reach his sixty-ninth milestone until this summer. He is in superb health, the result of peculiarly abstemious and temperate living and remarkably regular habits. Many men in public life who are much younger are older in all that goes to make men old save years.

It is extremely doubtful whether Virginia has had an abler senator since the foundation of the government than Senator Martin. His wonderful devotion to the business of being a senator, causing him to regard no matter affecting his State or one of his constituents as of too little importance to be given his attention, and his broad grasp of the affairs of the country fit him wonderfully for the office which he has held so long and which. we doubt no, he could hold until the end of his days should he desire, no matter how long his passing be deferred.

NEWS OF THE DAY

Germany has refused to send troops to Mesopotamia and Armenia to reenforce the Turks.

Asiatic cholera has broken out Belgrade. Fifty cases have been ported daily and 30 deaths have curred.

German submarines are reported to have entered the Tague River in Portugal and to have been sighted within a few miles of Lisbon, the capital.

It is learned that Col. Slocum, of the Thirteenth cavalry, who pursued Villa across the border on the occasion of the bandit chief's raid upon Columbus has offered a personal reward of $50,000 for the head of Villa.

Gen. Ballieni has been superseded by Gen. Roques as French minister of war. It was stated some days ago that Gen. Gallieni was ill. The definite appointment of Gen. Roques is announced.

Athens reports state that British warships bombarded the open town of Vurla, near Smyrna, almost exclusively inhabited by Greeks, and that many persons, mostly women and children, were killed.

Bulgaria and Roumania have broken off all commercial relations. The Sofia government has forbidden the transportation across Bulgarian territory to merchandise consigned to Roumania.

The London Standard, which, like all newspapers in the British capital has felt the severe strain caused by the war, suspended publication last night. The newspaper was found in 1827 to oppose Catholic emancipation.

Stoppage of the supply of toys ordinarily received from Germany has sent British dealers to the United States and Canada. Department of Commerce trade experts say the shortage is confined chiefly to mechanical novelties ,metal goods and dolls. The war has acted as a powerful stimulus on the American toy industry.

According to information reaching Rome from Petrograd, the Russians are attacking the outskirts of Trebizond, the Turkish stronghold of the Black Sea. The assault is being made on three sides—from the north by sea with the guns of the Russian fleet and from the east and south by land. Trebizond is practically the only piece of importance left to the Turks on the Black Sea.

Word was received at Southern department headquarters in San Antonio of the suicide of First Lieut. Edward M. Zell, Eleventh cavalry, at Columbus, N. Mex., early yesterday. Melancholia is given as the cause. Lieut. Zell was famous at West Point as a star member of the baseball and football teams, having returned to the school several times to coach.

By a vote of 346 to 14, the House yesterday shelved the free sugar provision. The only members to raise their voices against the free sugar paragraph were thirteen Democrats and a Socialist. The Republicans arrayed themselves solidly behind the repeal measure. The Senate which has yet to pass upon the repeal bill must complete its task before May 1, the date upon which the free sugar clause is to go into effect.

Plans of the Austrian war office to send 150,000 troops to help the Germans at Verdun resulted in the Italian offensive which is now under way. As soon as it was learned in Italy aid the Italian general staff decided that the Kaiser had persuaded Emperor Francis Joseph to give him to attack and strong assaults were launched all along the line. In consequence the Austrian troops were not sent to France.

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White, J. Kent, Cottage Park., G. D. White, W. W. White.

Warfield, Edgar, Jr., Rosemont, C. L. De Long.

Wilkins, Mrs. Kate, W. A. Fisher.

Wright, Mrs., W. A. Hanna.

Wheatley, Mrs., Efffie., E. G. Helmintoller.

Warfield, Edgar Sr. J. C. Hughes.

Yates, Mrs. R. J., Del Ray, H. V. Wheeler, F. H. Wheeler.

In addition to the above, there are one hundred and forty delegates whose names do not appear on this list who are entertained at hotels and boarding houses as guests of the church, and for whose entertainment in part, contributions have been made by members and friends of the church.

VIRGINIA NEWS

Harry St. George Tucker will enter the race for the nomination as Governor of Virginia, was thes statement in Richmond of Delegate John W. Stephenson of Bath though he disclaimed being in a position to make any authoritative announcement on the subject.

Rev. W. G. Parker, rector of Trinity cathedral, Little Rock, Ark., died Wednesday night in Franklin. He was 37 years old and had been ill for several months. Rev. Mr. Parker was formerly a member of the Virginia Methodist Conference. About three years ago he resigned from the Methodist conference and entered the Episcopal ministry. After a year of study at the Theological Seminary near Alexandria, in July, 1915, he became rector of Trinity cathedral at Little Rock. He was also formerly chaplain and captain of the Fourth regiment infantry, Virginia National Guard.

Prof. R. Heath Dabney, of the University of Virginia delivered an interesting lecture Wednesday night to the Richmond Philosophical Association. He thought it probable that Shakespeare was a believer in witchcraft and said that most of the audience that saw "Macbeth" in the Elizabethan era thought the witches represented were true to nature. Martin Luther and other able theological intellects of the time of the Reformation entertained no doubt as to the existence of witches, Prof. Dabney said. The rise of Puritanism in England, the speaker continued, was followed by witch-hunting, which ceased when the Cavaliers returned to power. He said that belief in New England in witchcraft was due to Puritan influence, and added that this superstition is still prevalent in those counties in Virginia which are not penetrated by railroads.

SOUTHERN TO ISSUE BONDS.

Will Use Proceeds for Double-Tracking Line Between Cornelia, Ga. and Central, S. C.

Atlanta, Ga., March 17.—The State Railway Commission has authorized the Southern Railway Company to issue $7,000,000 in bonds, the proceeds of which are to be used for double-tracking its line for fifty-six miles between Cordelia, Ga., and Central, S. C., and other improvements. The $7,000,000 is part of a $20,000,000 first-mortgage seriatum loan. The loan authorized is made on a first mortgage lien on the Charlotte Air Line Railway, leased by the Southern Railway.

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Extra fine sifted peas, per can 10c
Baked beans per can 10c
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Herring roe, per can 14c
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Fancy prunes; per lb. 10c
Howard's salad dressing per bottle 24c
Vegetables for soup 9c
Large bottles tomato catsup 09c
Royal chile sauce; per bottle 13c
Delmonte Asparagus tips per can 20c
Howard's pure cocoa per can 9c
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Large Naval oranges per doz. . . . . 24c & 28c
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Bread. Three loaves for. 10c
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NITRATE FROM AIR.

Senate Committee Considers Appropriating $15,000,000 for Federal Plant.

Washington, March 17—The Senate Committee on Agriculture has considered the bill proposed by Senator Smith, of South Carolina, which would appropriate $15,000,000 to construct a plant for production of nitrate from the air. The committee was told that nitrate is in great demand for fertilizer especially in the South, as well as for manufacture of war munitions, and that all the supply for the United States comes from Chile, a source that might easily be cut off by any strong naval blockade.

The committee will meet again on Thursday, when Senator Smith will urge a favorable report on the bill.

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7:37 A. M., Daily—Local between Washington and Danville, delivers connection daily except Sunday at Orange to C and O., No. 403 for Gordonsville and Richmond.

8:47 A. M. Daily—Local for Harrisonburg and way stations. Buffet parlor car.

9:17 A. M. Daily—Mail train, coaches for Manassas, Warrenton, Orange, Lynchburg, Greensboro and Charlotte.

10:22 A. M. Daily—U. S. Fast Mail stops only for passengers to points at which scheduled to stop; Coaches and Sleeping cars to Atlanta, New Orleans, Birmingham. Sleeping car Salisburg to Ashville. Coaches for Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Danville, Greensboro, and Charlotte.

4:22 P. M. Daily—Local for Charlottesville connecting at Calverton for Warrenton.

4:52 P. M. Daily—Birmingham Special. Sleeping cars between New York, Atlanta, Anniston, Birmingham, and Augusta. Through first class coaches between Washington, Atlanta and Birmingham. Dining car service. Tourist to California daily.

4:02 P. M.—Local for Harrisonburg and way Stations on Manassas branch. Pullman Buffet parlor cars.

5:22 P. M. Local for Warrenton.

7:17 P. M. Daily—Augusta Special. Through train with sleeping cars to Charlotte, Columbia, Aiken and Augusta. Through Sleeping cars to Ashville.

10:02 P. M. Daily—Washington and Chattanooga Limited (via Lynchburg) First class coaches and sleeping cars to Roanoke, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Sleeper to New Orleans, Washington to Roanoke, Dining car service.

11:02 P. M. Daily—New York and New Orleans Limited. All Pullman train. Club and Observation cars to New Orleans. Dining car service.

4:27 A. M. Daily—Memphis special, Sleeping cars and coaches for Roanoke, Knoxville, Nashville, Chattanooga, and Memphis. Dining car service. Washington sleeping cars open 10 p. m.

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NOTICE OF MEETING.

"Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Washington Country Club at the Clubhouse, Jewell Station, Virginia, beginning at two o'clock, p. m. on Tuesday, May 2, 1916, to take action upon the following resolution adopted by the Board of Directors March 8, 1916, to wit:

RESOLVED: That the Washington Country Club, Incorporated, be dissolved in the manner provided by law, and that the officers take the steps necessary to affect such dissolution. 16-1aw 4-w.

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P. M.—12 20, 12 40, 1 00, 1 20, 1 40 2 00, 2 20, 2 40, 3 00, 3 20, 3 40; 4 00; 4 20, 4 40, 5 00, 5 20, 5 40, 6 00; 6 40; 7 00, 7 20, 7 35, 8 00; 8 30; 9 00; 9 30; 10 00, 10 30, 11 10, 11 55.

Sundays and Holidays, same as above except trains at 5 00, 5 40, 6 00, 6 20, 6 40, 7 10; 7 30; 7 50 and 8 10 A. M and 11 55 P. M.

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To the Stockholder Addressed:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Washington Storage Company, Inc., will be held at the office of Leo P. Harlow, Attorney, 119 South Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia, on Wednesday, April 19, 1916 at 11 o'clock A. M., for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

If unable to be present kindly mail proxy to the Secretary.

Respectfully,
LOUIS P. KREY Secretary.
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For Fredericksburg, Richmond and points south at 4:37, 7:53, (local) and 10:17 a. m. 12:16, 3:22, 3:32, 5:17 (local) 6:57, 9:47, p. m. daily.

Accomodation for Fredericksburg at 2:18 p. m. Saturdays and 11:18 a. m. other days of week.

Local from Richmond arrives 6:07 p. m. week days and 8:07 p. m. Sundays.

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